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Mr. Eric Taylor
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Dear Eric,

The City of Palmer has received and reviewed the document, "2030 Let's Get Moving!" and found it an excellent beginning draft for Alaska's Statewide Long-Range Transportation Policy Plan.

Acknowledging that the period for comment on this draft has expired, I wanted to let you know that we intend to offer further input as the document progresses. We are particularly supportive of Action 4.7, "Reinstituting the Local Service Roads and Trails Program," Policy 13 in its entirety, and Action 3.5, "Preserving Transportation Corridors in High Growth Areas."

As stated on page 43, The Mat-Su Borough is expected to grow by about 78% through 2025, nearly doubling our transportation needs. Given the numbers, the City of Palmer finds it reasonable that the Mat-Su Borough should occupy the first priority on the list of surface transportation additions and improvements.

I look forward to additional dialogue in the near future, and thank you for your tremendous efforts.

Most sincerely,

John Combs

cc: Bill Allen, City Manager
Mike Chmielewski, City Council Member